

# STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE.

## AN ACT

To amend Chapters <sup>Eighty and one hundred thirty two</sup> 80, and <sup>same</sup> 132, of the Revised Statutes so as to make the <sup>same</sup> conformable to the Constitution of the United States or any law ~~made~~ made in pursuance thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

### SECTION 1.

Section ~~80~~ <sup>fifty three</sup> of Chapter ~~80~~ <sup>Eighty</sup> of the revised Statutes is amended. so that it will read as follows. No Sheriff, deputy, sheriff, coroner, constable, jailor, justice of the Peace, or other judicial or executive officer of this State in his official capacity shall arrest or detain or aid in so doing, in any prison, or building belonging to this State or to any county or town, any person, on account of a claim on him as a fugitive slave. Any of said officers in their official capacity violating any of the ~~of~~said provisions shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars for each offence to the use of the county where <sup>said offence is</sup> committed or be imprisoned less than one year in the county jail.

Section 2. Section ~~132~~ <sup>four</sup> of Chapter ~~132~~ <sup>of the revised Statutes</sup> is amended by striking out from the tenth line the following words " nor aid in his arrest, detention, or surrender."

Section 3. Nothing in either of said chapters shall be construed to obstruct or hinder the execution of any law of Congress ~~by the officers of the federal government~~.

Section 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the government.



In Senate Mar 16 1861

Read twice the rules suspended & passed to be  
enforced — Edge James M Lincoln

Secretary

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Rules suspended, read three times & passed to be  
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Chas A. Miller Clerk



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